

Applicants: Andreas Bleckmann et al.  
Application No. 09/719,670  
Amendment in Response to Office Action dated December 24, 2003

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the amendments above and the following comments.

Claims 5-14 are pending.

Double Patenting Rejection

The claims stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness double patenting in view of claims 1-6 of co-pending Application No. 09/436,171. In response, a terminal disclaimer is submitted in a separate paper to overcome the obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the Examiner would be fully justified to reconsider and to withdraw this rejection. An early notice that this rejection has been reconsidered and withdrawn is, therefore, earnestly solicited.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that the foregoing constitutes a bona fide response to all outstanding objections and rejections.

Applicants also believe that this application is in condition for immediate allowance.

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However, should any issue(s) of a minor nature remain, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned at telephone number (212) 808-0700 so that the issue(s) might be promptly resolved.

Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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